



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
The Board of Education
School District #33 (Chilliwack)**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Location: School District Office

Members Present:

Chair	Willow Reichelt
Vice-Chair	Carin Bondar
Trustee	Heather Maahs
Trustee	Richard Procee
Trustee	Margaret Reid
Trustee	David Swankey
Trustee	Teri Westerby

Staff Present:

Superintendent	Rohan Arul-pragasam
Secretary Treasurer	Simone Sangster
Assistant Superintendent	Paula Jordan
Assistant Superintendent	Kirk Savage
Assistant Superintendent	David Manuel
Director of Facilities & Transportation	Allan Van Tassel
Assistant Director of HR	Rachael Green
Executive Assistant	Talana McNally

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory and Diversity Statement**

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

270.24 Moved by: Trustee Reid
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Meeting Recessed at 5:32 pm
Meeting called back to order at 5:38 pm

CARRIED
For: Bondar, Procee, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby
Opposed: Maahs

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

271.24 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the minutes of the February 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATION

2.1. Transportation Update: 2024-25 Planning

Al Van Tassel provided the board with a presentation and update on student transportation and the registration process for the 2024-25 school year.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1. Trustee Written Reports

Trustees submitted written reports listing key activities they've attended since the last public board meeting as well as upcoming events.

Trustee Maahs' report included two Notices of Motion.

3.2. BCSTA Report

Trustee Reid provided an update on matters related to the BCSTA.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

- Policy 142 Superintendent Performance Review
- Superintendent's Report to the Board
- Transportation – thanks for the presentation and enhancements
- Wheelchair accessible busses

Meeting Recessed at 6:10 pm

Meeting called back to order at 6:18 pm

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1. Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal

272.24 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Procee

THAT the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized Courses: Immersive Inquiry, Grade 10, 11, and 12.

CARRIED

5.2. Policy Renovation Project – Policy to be Repealed

5.2.1. Policy 503: Interrogation or Interviewing of Students by Police in Schools

273.24 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education repeal Policy 503: Interrogation or Interviewing of Students by Police in Schools.

CARRIED

For: Bondar, Procee, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby

Opposed: Maahs

5.3. Policy 141: Role of the Superintendent & Policy 142: Superintendent Performance Review

274.24 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education amend Policy 141: Role of the Superintendent as presented.

NO VOTE

275.24 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the draft Policy 141 be amended with the italicized bullets below:

1.3 Ensure that learning environments promote the development of skills and habits.

- *Promote learning environments that foster the development of skills and habits.*

1.5 Ensure facilities accommodate the diverse needs of the student body.

- *Regularly assess facilities to identify areas that may need improvement or modifications to better meet the diverse needs of students.*
- *Incorporate universal design principles and accessibility standards when planning and renovating facilities.*
- *Provide training to staff members on diversity, equity, and inclusion and the importance of creating inclusive environments to support students with diverse needs.*
- *Collaborate with community organizations and agencies that specialize in accessibility and inclusion to leverage their expertise and resources in improving facilities for students.*

2.1 Ensure that the fiscal management of the District is in accordance with statutory requirements and Board policy.

- *Maintain fiscal management in accordance with statutory requirements and Board policy.*

2.4 Ensure the district operates in a fiscally and ethically responsible manner, including adherence to generally accepted accounting principles.

- *Operate the district in a fiscally and ethically responsible manner, adhering to generally accepted accounting principles.*

3.2 Ensure all trustees are informed by the same, impartial information when members perform their role.

- *Provide all trustees with the same impartial information necessary for their roles.*

4.3 Ensure compliance with the legal framework in which the district operates and support the Board in meeting their statutory requirements.

- *Maintain compliance with the legal framework governing the district's operations and support the Board in meeting its statutory requirements.*

7.1 Ensure compliance with all legal, Ministerial and Board mandates and timelines.

- *Maintain compliance with all legal, Ministerial, and Board mandates and timelines.*

NO VOTE

276.24 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the amended motion be tabled to a later date.

Meeting Recessed at 7:41 pm
Meeting called back to order at 7:46 pm

CARRIED

For: Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby
Opposed: Procee
Abstained: Bondar, Maahs

277.24 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Procee

THAT the Board refer this policy discussion to a Committee of the Whole, date to be decided.

DEFEATED

For: Maahs, Procee
Opposed: Bondar, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby

278.24 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the Board of Education amend Policy 142: Superintendent Performance Review as presented.

CARRIED

For: Bondar, Procee, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby
Opposed: Maahs

5.4. Middle School Academic Reading and Math Skills Report

279.24 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Procee

THAT the Superintendent provide a report to the Board, on the academic reading and math skills in middle school students, since the grade reconfiguration was implemented in our district.

This should include cohorts from before and after the grade reconfiguration was implemented.

The Chance Alternate middle school's student population should be included in this data (as the school was closed at the same time grade reconfiguration took place).

Please provide a timeline for when the Board will receive this report.

DEFEATED

For: Maahs

Opposed: Bondar, Procee, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby

280.24 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the meeting be extended until the conclusion of the adopted agenda.

CARRIED

For: Maahs, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby

Opposed: Bondar, Procee

5.5. Elementary School Academic Reading and Math Skills Report

281.24 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Procee

THAT the Superintendent provide a report to the Board, on the academic reading and math acquisition skills in elementary school students, since the closure of the pull-out programs at Bernard Elementary and McCammon Elementary.

This report will be for all elementary students and should include all cohorts.

Please provide a timeline for when the Board will receive this report.

NO VOTE

282.24 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the motion be amended to read:

THAT the Strategic Plan renewal process include a review of student achievement data that looks at the impact of targeted literacy and numeracy intervention for elementary students.

CARRIED

For: Maahs, Procee, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby
Opposed: Bondar

283.24 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the motion be approved as amended.

CARRIED
For: Maahs, Procee, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby
Opposed: Bondar

6. MEETING SUMMARIES

Meeting summaries were provided listing In-Camera and/or Special In-Camera and Learning Session items since the last Regular Public Board Meeting.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

- Reading intervention in elementary
- Policy 142 – Role of the Superintendent
- Superintendent’s Report to the Board
- Policy 503 – Interrogation or Interviewing of Students by Police in Schools

8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Superintendent provided an update on key items and events in the district since the last public board meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

9.1. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024
5:30 p.m.
School District Office**

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer